

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Curve – William Street, Slough on Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Coad, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Morris, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Chohan and N Holledge

33. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that his daughter worked at Slough Borough Council.

34. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 27th September 2016

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th September, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

35. To receive the Mayor's Communications

The Mayor thanked those Members who attended the events arranged throughout the Borough for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. In particular, the Mayor thanked his Chaplain, Reverend Linda Hillier, for her help and assistance with the arrangements.

Members were advised that the Christmas Lights switch-on took place on 26th November which attracted an enthusiastic crowd who enjoyed the entertainment and firework display.

The Mayor extended his best wishes to all Members of the Council for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful 2017.

36. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that a question had been received from a resident, a copy of which had been tabled. It was noted that the questioner was not present and a written copy of the reply would be forwarded to him.

37. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting held on 21 November 2016

A) Proposed Strategic Acquisition Strategy

It was proposed by Councillor Ajaib,
Seconded by Councillor Munawar,

- “(a) That it be agreed that whilst strategic acquisitions will normally be made within the Borough of Slough, to reduce risk, maximise financial returns and widen the potential to create a more balanced portfolio is achieved by buying investments outside Slough.
- (b) That the scoring criteria associated with out-of-borough investment assets be amended.
- (c) That the Capital Programme for 2016/17 be amended to increase the existing budget by an additional £25m.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That it be agreed that whilst strategic acquisitions will normally be made within the Borough of Slough, to reduce risk, maximise financial returns and widen the potential to create a more balanced portfolio is achieved by buying investments outside Slough.
- (b) That the scoring criteria associated with out-of-borough investment assets be amended.
- (c) That the Capital Programme for 2016/17 be amended to increase the existing budget by an additional £25m.

B) Lease Slough Refugee Support, 28 Bath Road, Salt Hill Park

It was proposed by Councillor Ajaib,
Seconded by Councillor Munawar,

“That a lease agreement be entered into with Slough Refugee Support for 28 Bath Road, Salt Hill Park as set out in Paragraph 4(f) of the report.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That a lease agreement be entered into with Slough Refugee Support for 28 Bath Road, Salt Hill Park as set out in Paragraph 4(f) of the report.

38. Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review

It was proposed by Councillor Swindlehurst,
Seconded by Councillor Sharif,

“(a) That the submission set out at Appendix A be agreed as Slough Borough Council’s formal response to the BCE’s initial proposals for the review of Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

(b) That the views of the Conservative Group as set out in Appendix B be noted.”

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for the proposal:

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Coad, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Swindlehurst and Usmani 31

There voted against the proposal:

Councillors Bains, Chahal, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Morris, R S Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright 8

There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal 1

Resolved –

(a) That the submission set out at Appendix A be agreed as Slough Borough Council’s formal response to the BCE’s initial proposals for the review of Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

(b) That the views of the Conservative Group as set out in Appendix B be noted.

39. Appointment of Section 151 Officer

It was proposed by Councillor Munawar,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

“That Neil Wilcox, the Assistant Director of Finance and Audit, be confirmed as the Council’s Section 151 Officer with effect from 30th November 2016.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved – That Neil Wilcox, the Assistant Director of Finance and Audit, be confirmed as the Council’s Section 151 Officer with effect from 30th November 2016.

40. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

The Mayor advised that this item had been withdrawn.

41. Appointment to Slough Wellbeing Board

It was proposed by Councillor Hussain,
Seconded by Councillor Munawar,

- “(a) That the Chief Executive of the Slough Children’s Services Trust be appointed to the Slough Wellbeing Board; and
- (b) That the nomination of the Leader of the Council that the Commissioner for Health & Social Care is the sole councillor representative on the Slough Wellbeing Board be noted, and that the membership of the Board be adjusted accordingly.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved –

- (a) That the Chief Executive of the Slough Children’s Services Trust be appointed to the Slough Wellbeing Board; and
- (b) That the nomination of the Leader of the Council that the Commissioner for Health & Social Care is the sole councillor representative on the Slough Wellbeing Board be noted, and that the membership of the Board be adjusted accordingly.

42. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

A) Disclosure and Barring Service Checks

It was moved by Councillor Smith, as an amendment to the original motion,
Seconded by Councillor Strutton,

“This Council resolves that all Members elected to Slough Borough Council be subject to a ~~Disclosure And Barring Service (DBS) standard Basic~~ **Disclosure** check ~~by Disclosure Scotland~~ within two months of taking office thereby extending the revised Criminal Records Policy and Procedure which currently requires only selected Members to undergo ~~basic criminal record~~ **Standard Disclosure And Barring Service (DBS) checks.**

It was moved by Councillor Sharif, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Matloob,

“This Council resolves

- That all members elected to Slough Borough Council who meet the criteria as set out in national legislation, by undertaking regulated activity involving regular and unsupervised contact with children and/or vulnerable

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~~adults be subject to for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) standard check be subject to a standard DBS check within two months of taking office. thereby extending the revised Criminal Records Policy and Procedure which currently requires only selected members to undergo basic criminal records checks.~~

- To request the government to adjust the legal requirements on councils affording councils the opportunity to carry out enhanced DBS checks on members who meet the criteria set out in national legislation.”

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for the amendment:

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Swindlehurst and Usmani 30

There abstained from voting:

Councillors Bains, Chahal, Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Morris, R S Sandhu, Smith, Strutton, Wright and The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal 10

The amendment to the motion became the substantive motion.

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for the motion

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Morris, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, R.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani, Wright and the Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Arvind Dhailwal..... 39

(Councillor Coad was not present when the vote was taken)

Resolved -

- That members elected to Slough Borough Council who meet the criteria as set out in national legislation, by undertaking regulated activity involving regular and unsupervised contact with children and/or vulnerable adults, for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) standard check be subject to a standard DBS check within two months of taking office.
- To request the government to adjust the legal requirements on councils so councils are afforded the opportunity to carry out enhanced DBS checks on members who meet the criteria set out in national legislation.

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(B) Pay to Stay Policy

Motion Withdrawn.

43. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).

A copy of questions received from Councillors Plenty, Wright and Strutton and replies were tabled.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.40 pm)